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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

REFERENCE: STATE 131759

1. THE CHIEF OF THE U.N. DIVISION OF THE MFA, ORJAN BERNER, HAS DISCUSSED WITH US SWEDISH VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION AT 30TH UNGA. BERNER NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH SWEDEN DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE LARGE STAKE IN KOREAN QUESTION, IT DOES HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN VIEW OF SWEDEN'S CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ON SECURITY COUNCIL AND FACT THAT IT HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

2. ACCORDING TO BERNER, COS HAS BEEN DISCUSSING KOREAN QUESTION AT SOME LENGTH AND BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE IN "AWKWARD SITUATION" IF TWO RESOLUTIONS ARE AGAIN INTRODUCED, I.E., ONE FRIENDLY TO ROK AND ONE FAVORABLE TO NORTH KOREA. BERNER SAID AT THE 29TH UNGA
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GOS HAD SUPPORTED US-BACKED RESOLUTION 3333 CALLING

FOR DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO DISSOLUTION ON U.N. COMMAND (UNC) AND ITS SUBSTITUTION BY "APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT." HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, ALMOST A YEAR HAS NOW PASSED AND NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS DIRECTION.

3. THEREFORE, BERNER ASSERTED, GOS WILL BE FACED WITH A DILEMMA WHEN KOREAN QUESTION ARISES AT UNGA. WHILE GOS BELIEVES THAT RESOLUTION FRIENDLY TO ROK IS CLOSER TO GOS POSITION THAN ANY LIKELY NORTH KOREAN ONE, NEVERTHELESS GOS IS RELUCTANT TO AGAIN BACK RESOLUTION WHICH MIGHT HAVE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING IMPLEMENTED. ON OTHER HAND, BERNER SAID THAT GOS IS FULLY IN ACCORD WITH OUR POSITION THAT U.S. TROOPS ARE IN KOREA ON BASIS OF A BILATERAL MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL.

4. BERNER SAID SWEDES HAVE ALSO CONSIDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO ENCOURAGE FORWARD MOVEMENT ON KOREAN QUESTION, BUT ALL SUCH DISCUSSIONS HAVE FOUNDERED ON CERTAINTY THAT SOVIETS AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, CHINESE, WOULD BLOCK ANY EFFORTS TO REACH ACCORD. THEREFORE, SWEDES HAVE DECIDED AGAINST TAKING ANY INITIATIVE ON KOREAN QUESTION, BUT WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. BERNER WILL BE IN NEW YORK JUNE 16-20 FOR PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 7TH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, AND WILL THEN TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR FOUR DAYS JUNE 23-26. IN VIEW OF CURRENT GOS UNCERTAINTY RE ITS POSITION ON KOREA AT 30TH UNGA, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH HIM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

FOR DEPARTMENT: WHILE IN WASHINGTON, BERNER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM AND WITH IO OFFICIALS DEALING WITH KOREAN QUESTION. MEETINGS CAN BE SCHEDULED THROUGH SWEDISH EMBASSY
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WASHINGTON.

FOR USUSN: ALTHOUGH BERNER WILL BE IN NEW UORK PRIMARILY FOR 7TH SS, HE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF U.S. MISSION TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF KOREA AT 30TH UNGA.
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